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Chief of Mission, Frankfurt
Attn: Chief of Base, Bonn []
Chief, ER

Operational/Liaison
NAV Personalities and Reporting

REF: MEMO-376 - *of Progress Report*

1. We should like to commend you for the timely and interesting reports you have been submitting on the NAV. We have found them most helpful in keeping us in current on developments, trends, and changes within the NAV. They have permitted us to expand our notebook on the personalities, organization, and functions of the NAV. We can only urge you to continue forwarding these reports and ask that you keep us informed on all of the more important offices, providing us with as much background information as possible, so that we can follow through with the plan to set up dossiers on all leading NAV personalities.

2. Also, in regard to the various reports which the NAV has been channeling to us, we have found them to be informative and useful. A particular and continued interest has been expressed by the responsible staff in reports on the IFF, training those dealing with the IFF tables.

3. For your information and files, we are herewith submitting as separate attachments summaries of traces on the possible candidates for the NAV Presidency reported in reference. These were an substantial identifiable traces on SCHMID. Because of the various names on which SCHMID's and variant spellings thereof, we need Dr. SCHMID's birthdate and any other identifying data you may have in order to run a logical, worthwhile trace. If you could furnish us this information, we should be glad to check our files further.

2 June 1955 [] []

With Attachments as stated above.

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ATTACHMENT D

Dr. Ernst BRECHNER

Following is a translation of subject's "Lebenslauf", which
is presumably prepared at the time of his visit to the U.S. last
Fall:

1. Date of birth: 9 December 1909 in Magdeburg
2. Father: Paul BRECHNER, proprietor of a flower shop, killed in 1917.
3. Mother: Helene BRECHNER, nee HAHNEMANN
4. Residence: ~~Magdeburg~~, Oelshorfer Strasse 106, and Paul Gohlberg,
Gartenstrasse 15
5. Marital status: Married
6. Wife: Hedy, nee DORR
7. Children: Three; aged 5, 10 and 14 years.
8. Religion: Protestant
9. Residence as of 8 May 1945: Itzehoe
10. Residence on 23 May 1949: Itzehoe
11. Date of entry into:
 - a. The former WEHR: 1 October 1937
Positions held: none
 - b. WEHR: SA 10 October 1933
Rank: Sturmmann
 - c. Not employed by any office of the Gestapo or the SD
12. Demarcation category: "Belastet" - certified on 2 March 1948
13. Are you a member of a Soviet-Zone party or organization thereof, or
have you ever applied for such membership? -- No.

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14. Education: Reform-Realschule
15. Foreign language skills: English fluent (use of practice since 1946); French: school knowledge
16. Degree: Graduate of Doyngnasium in Magdeburg.
17. University and other training: Studied political science, law and political economy (Volkswirtschaft)
18. Examinations (with grade):
 - a. State examination on 1 June 1933, Hamburg: "Satisfactory"
 - b. State examination on 6 July 1937, Berlin: "Satisfactory"
19. First appointment: Referendar on 2 August 1933.
20. Promotions: 3 February 1938: "Probensouner"
11 January 1939: "Gerichtssouner"
1 October 1939: "Stammamt"
21. Present occupation: Oberregierungs- und Kriminalrat in the Bundeskriminalamt
22. Employment history:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Place</u>
From - To		
1929 - 1933	Student	Universities at Marburg & Halle
1933 - 1937	Apprenticeship as Referendar (incl. leave of absence to work on doctorate)	Courts and Public Prosecutor's Office in Bezirk of the Oberlandesgericht in Hamburg (Administrative office)
20 July 37 - 7 Nov. 37	Assistant "in hohereu Justizdienst" (district attorney)	Public Prosecutor's Office, Torgau
8 Nov. 37 - 30 Nov. 37	"	Public Prosecutor's Office, Halle

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22. Employment history (cont):

15 Dec. 37 - 2 Jan. 38	Assistant "in matters of Justice" ("Justizamt")	Public Prosecutor's Office, Mannheim
1 Oct. 38 - 31 Jan. 39	Administration of judge's office	Landgericht Magdeburg
1 Feb. 39 - 2 Aug. 53	District attorney (1947-1952 in charge of political offenses; since 1952 in charge of economic offenses of special significance)	Prosecuting authority, Itzehoe
3 Aug. 53	Division chief in the Bundeskriminalamt	BKA, Wiesbaden, Division headquarters in Bonn

Other than current correspondence on subject, where he is mentioned in CASROREL reports and in connection with his last trip to this country, we have no substantive traces which can be identified with NSM-134.

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